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Fired TTC driver accepts blame for her 'error'

'Unacceptable lack of judgment.' Union says dismissing employee, who was caught on video running a red light, was too harsh

Does the punishment of dismissal fit the transgression of a TTC bus driver caught on video running a red light?

The video seems to show the bus swerving and narrowly missing a woman at the intersection. The driver says she saw the pedestrian and never took her eyes off her as she moved the bus through the intersection.

In an emotional written statement to TTC management, released by the transit workers' union, the driver blames herself for "an unacceptable lack of judgment."

The union says the woman doesn't want to be identified because she is embarrassed and doesn't want to burden her children. While all drivers make mistakes, the operator says she knows a bus driver is under more scrutiny.

The Amalgamated Transit Union is suggesting the TTC's response is inordinately harsh — that it should consider keeping the operator in a different capacity. After all, says union president Bob Kinnear, what driver hasn't run a stop sign or a red? The operator was still on probation, less than six months into the job.

In her letter to the TTC, the driver says she "felt sick to my stomach" on learning the incident had been caught on camera. "It shouldn't have happened but it did and I am so grateful the outcome of my error ended the way it did," she writes, concluding her letter with the hope that she can remain at the TTC. In the letter, the operator stresses she saw the pedestrian who can be seen in the video stepping off the curb. For the full transcript of the letter, go to metronews.ca.

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TTC's response

TTC spokesman Brad Ross, who has said that there is no excuse for the operator's actions, won't respond to the union's pitch. The TTC considers the matter closed.

RED, WHITE, GOLD AND SILVER

A jubilant Catharine Pendrel, left, from B.C., won the gold medal while teammate Emily Batty, from Ontario, picked up silver in the women's cross-country event at Cathkin Braes mountain bike trails during the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow on Tuesday. See page 21 for more coverage.

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Crime

18 charged in drug investigation

Eighteen people are facing numerous drug-related charges after early morning raids in several central Ontario communities.

Durham regional police say officers executed 22 search warrants Tuesday — including 16 in Durham Region, two in Toronto and two in York Region — following a four-month investigation dubbed Project Bermuda.

The other raids were in Bancroft and the Kawartha Lakes area.

Investigators say cocaine, hashish and marijuana were seized, along with $100,000 in cash, weapons, nine vehicles, a trailer and a boat.

Durham police say the investigation began in February after weapons and drugs were found at a home in Oshawa.

It targeted street-level drug sellers in the region.

The 18 people arrested face a total of 73 charges.

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Fatality

Elderly woman dies after fire

A 73-year-old woman has died in hospital following an apartment fire in Newmarket.

York Regional Police say the woman was found in her apartment on Monday. She was taken to hospital but succumbed to her injuries.

Police say the incident does not appear to be criminal in nature but the Ontario Fire Marshal will be investigating.

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Playground photo-ops outrage Ford opponents

'Shameless or ignorant?' Mayor accused of taking credit for park project he originally opposed

Mayor Rob Ford flashes a peace sign while sitting in his car before the mayoral debate at Presteign Woodbine United Church on Monday. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

There he was last Monday, climbing a jungle gym. There he was on Sunday, riding a teeter-totter.

Mayor Rob Ford is never more endearing than when he is gleefully hanging out with children. In fact, Ford is making the playground photo-op a staple of his election summer.

He says he has a record of investment in playgrounds and parks. His critics say he is being a hypocrite.

On Saturday, Ford cut the ribbon at a new amphitheatre and park in the Jane-Sheppard neighbourhood. In 2012, though, he was the only member of council to vote against a proposal to let the city use $140,000 in private money to build the park. The proposal passed 34-1.

Local resident and advocate Talisha Ramsaroop, 21, said Ford told her and two other young people at the ceremony that he has done more for low-income communities than any other mayor — and that he "started" the park project.

"Those were his exact words: 'I started this,'" Ramsaroop said.

In fact, the park, Reading Sprouts Garden, was a painstaking multi-year initiative of local Coun. Maria Augimeri. Ramsaroop said she was "really upset" when she was informed later of Ford's opposing vote.

"To be quite honest, I didn't know that politicians were allowed to lie to your face," Ramsaroop said. "Like, I know this sounds really optimistic, but I was completely unaware that politicians were allowed to lie to the face of the people."

Ford's spokesman, Amin Massoudi, did not respond to a request to confirm or deny the comment. In an earlier exchange, Massoudi refused to explain why Ford appeared at the park despite his vote against it.

"He either forgot or it doesn't matter to him," said Augimeri. "Is it shameless or ignorant? I don't know." She said Ford should have either skipped the ceremony or acknowledged in his speech that he has changed his mind about the worthy project.

Ford is appearing at two more refurbished playgrounds on Wednesday alone, one in midtown, the other in Etobicoke. Both playgrounds have received substantial private money.

Ford is a staunch supporter of non-government investment in parks. But he also took a vocal stand last year against the government itself spending more on playgrounds.

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Madness! Smith's Tusk on tap for TIFF

Johnny Depp, pictured, Haley Joel Osment and Justin Long star in Kevin Smith's film Tusk, about an intrepid podcaster. CONTRIBUTED

#WalrusYes. Film fest announces Midnight Madness, Docs lineup

Extremes of fantasy and reality are coming to TIFF 2014 as the festival unveils film schedules for its popular Midnight Madness and TIFF Docs programs.

Many world, international and North American premieres are among the selections announced Tuesday for the Toronto International Film Festival, Sept. 4 to 14. The rosters for the Vanguard and Masters programs are included in the rollout.

In Midnight Madness, programmed by Colin Geddes, the world premiere of Kevin Smith's Tusk promises to hook horror fans intrigued by the idea of Justin Long as a podcaster of curious things, who gets more than he bargained for when he encounters a creepy old Canadian seafarer (Red State's Michael Parks) who believes that walruses are better than people.

In Jalmari Heleander's Big Game, Samuel L. Jackson plays the U.S. president fighting for survival in forbidding woods after Air Force One is shot down. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Truth as strange than fiction

Gabe Polsky's Red Army, receiving its Canadian premiere following its acclaimed Cannes bow, takes us inside the murderers' row that was the Soviet hockey team of the 1970s, which shook Team Canada's confidence in its national puck prowess.

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But 'crude.' Prosecutor's behaviour not an abuse of court process: Judge

Crown attorney Paul Amenta
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While a senior prosecutor's behaviour was "unprofessional, "crude" and "reprehensible," it did not amount to an abuse of the court process, according to an Ontario judge.

In a ruling released Tuesday, Justice Russell Otter said that even if he had found there was an abuse of process, a change of prosecutor was remedy enough to address allegations that Scarborough Crown attorney Paul Amenta threatened a teenage witness during a youth schoolyard assault trial earlier this year.

The defence had requested the entire case be stayed, arguing Amenta's conduct irreparably compromised their clients' fair trial rights because he sought to influence the youth witness's testimony and "created an atmosphere of oppression." Defence also argued Amenta's behaviour "undermined the integrity of the judicial process."

The alleged misconduct happened in January. The teen, who cannot be identified under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, told the court Amenta got very close to him in the hallway of the courthouse and shouted that he does not "f— around," that "we're trying to get these s—heads out the street" and that "he'll come after me" if the teen didn't tell the truth.

In his ruling, Otter said that the evidence from witnesses (although inconsistent about whether Amenta was making threats or imploring the witness to tell the truth) made clear that Amenta "yelled at a youth witness and swore in his presence — both which remain unacceptable behaviour in front of a witness, particularly a youthful one …"

The judge ruled, however, that the defence did not prove that Amenta, a prosecutor with more than two decades' experience, had prejudiced the teen witness's testimony and therefore did not compromise fair trial rights for the accused. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Lotto Max

Magnifying glass helps senior confirm $20M win

A 75-year-old Orillia, Ont., man is the sole winner of Friday's Lotto Max jackpot, taking home more than $20 million.

John E. Mason, a retired electrician, picked up the cheque on Monday.

Mason says he has been playing the same numbers for years, but it was a Quick Pick selection of random numbers that won him the top prize.

An avid fisher and boater, Mason says he plans to buy a waterfront home and a new car, travel south for the winter and help out his relatives.

Mason says he could hardly believe his eyes when he printed out the week's winning numbers and began circling the matching numbers, realizing he had every number. "I got out my magnifying glass to make sure I was seeing everything correctly." THE CANADIAN PRESS

All-star lineup could make this the best VELD event yet

Electronic Dance Music. In just its third year, interest and attendance at VELD has more than doubled, with roughly 60,000 fans expected to roll in

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Over the past couple of years, artists such as Avicci, David Guetta and Calvin Harris have pushed past conventional music wisdom, created recipes of outrageous pairing, and provided classics upon which the musical landscape of the future can build.

Enter VELD.

This weekend, thousands of fans from all over the world will flock to Downsview Park in North Toronto for possibly the greatest EDM festival ever.

In just its third year, interest and attendance at the event has more than doubled, with upwards of 60,000 EDM fans expected to roll in.

Charles Khabouth, chief executive at Ink Entertainment CONTRIBUTED

VELD is the brainchild of Ink Entertainment. Charles Khabouth, Danny Soberano and, in particular, musical director Talal Farisi, have been at the forefront of Canadian nightlife for more than a decade.

In fact, If you've been to a club to hear world-class DJs like Tiesto, Krewella, A-Trak, or legendary house icon, Armin Van Buuren, chances are Farisi was responsible. So it stands to reason that when it came to producing a two-day, two-stage festival with the most outrageous lineup possible, the same cast of characters would be at the helm.

And what a show they've planned:

Calvin Harris: This Scottish DJ/Singer-songwriter has been around for almost a decade but has been on fire for the past two years. His most recent smash Summer has dominated the charts this season and recent album 18 Months holds the Guinness World Record for the most top 10 hits on the UK singles chart from one album, surpassing Michael Jackson.

Martin Garrix: The 18 year-old Dutch prodigy DJ/producer became a 'House'-hold name with his international hit Animals, followed up by his newest single, Wizard.

Zedd: Russian 'Electro-house' musician/producer is master of the re-mix, and has enjoyed considerable success this year for his collaboration with FOXES on hit-song, Clarity.

Sebastien Ingrosso: One-third of Swedish House Mafia is twice as good as none. Owns his own record label, Refune, which has introduced such artists as AN21 and Allesso.

And this year, a little more hip hop is part of the mix:

Iggy Azalea: Yeah, she da realest. Big year for the Aussie, who hit big with Fancy, Change Your Life, and DJ Green Lantern's remix of 'Bounce'.

DJ Green Lantern: A.K.A. The Evil Genius. King of the mix-tape has enough in his repertoire to go all night, but he won't have to.

Waka Flocka Flame: Atlanta rapper hoping to earn a "Round of Applause" for this and other rhymes.

If that's not enough, you there's Armin Van Buuren, Gramatik, Mark Oliver, Flipside, Caked Up, Adventure Club, Milo & Otis, and the list goes on.

Apparently, the people at INK plan to expand and take this festival to other major international cities in years to come, but for now, it's summer, outdoors, great music, dazzling lights and thousands of beautiful strangers from all over the world united in one common vibe.

Fast-rising Australian singer Iggy Azalea, top, performs in London a few weeks ago. EDM superstar Calvin Harris, bottom, puts on quite a show in East Rutherford, N.J. last month. JOEL RYAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; MIKE COPPOLA/GETTY IMAGES

Beatles' unreleased Carnival of Light no treat: Expert

The Fab Four, circa 1968 YOUTUBE SCREENGRAB

Beatles fans who are patiently waiting to hear Carnival of Light, the mysterious 14-minute sound collage the band recorded but never released, are in for a disappointment.

So says author and historian Mark Lewisohn, considered the world's foremost expert on the Fab Four.

He's one of the few people ever to have heard this most desired Beatles track, which has never been bootlegged and which is considered the last major unmined artifact in the band's sonic archive.

"It's just loose random sounds," Lewisohn said from his London home, en route to a Beatles event in Toronto this Thursday at the Revue Cinema.

Lewisohn says Revolution 9 (the White Album collage) is more cohesive and thought-through, and he believes the intrigue in Carnival of Light rests on the fact it hasn't been heard.

"When one day it is heard, no one will want to talk about it any more, I don't think."

Screening

The Revue Cinema's Beatles event and screening of A Hard Day's Night begins at 7 p.m. July 31. Go to www.revuecinema.ca for more information.

True, but it does have all four Beatles on it, larking about under Paul McCartney's lead as their contribution to a January 1967 performance art event known as The Million Volt Light and Sound Rave, at the Roundhouse venue in Camden, London.

Recorded during the Penny Lane sessions, it was played publicly just once and shelved thereafter.

McCartney has said he'd like to release it one day, perhaps as the soundtrack to a photo collage, if he can get Ringo Starr and the widows of John Lennon and George Harrison to agree.

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Opportunity knocks for NASA Mars mission

Planetary explorer. NASA's rover sets new off-Earth distance record, nears next major investigation site on the red planet

A shadow cast by NASA's Mars rover Opportunity stretches across the planet's surface in this July 26, 2004 image. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The odometer of NASA's Mars rover Opportunity has hit 25.01 miles (40.25 kilometres), breaking the record for off-Earth distance travelled.

NASA officials said Monday that Opportunity drove 157 feet (47.8 metres) over the weekend, which was enough to surpass the record held by the Soviet Union's Lunokhod 2 rover.

NASA project manager John Callas says Opportunity was intended to drive only about one kilometre and was not designed for distance. He says the rover has driven farther than any other wheeled vehicle on another world.

NASA says that if the rover hits 26.2 miles (42.1 kilometres), it will have reached the next major investigation site that scientists refer to as "Marathon Valley" — because it will have travelled the distance of a marathon.

The Russian Lunokhod 2 rover landed on Earth's moon in 1973 and drove 24.2 miles (38.9 kilometres).

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Newmarket family recovering. Among 157 stranded on Boston ship

An Ontario family is recovering in Boston after a night at sea aboard a whale-watching boat that was stranded for 17 hours off the coast of Massachusetts.

Craig Bawden, of Newmarket, along with his wife and two young children, was among the 157 passengers aboard a Boston Harbour Cruise boat that got caught on a mooring cable Monday afternoon.

Bawden says it was a "miserable" experience and many of the passengers, including his 10-year-old daughter, suffered seasickness during the night.

U.S. Coast Guard officials say divers tried to detach the cable Monday, but couldn't because of the rough seas.

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Gnaw-ty beaver

Quebec family safe following beaver encounter

Police say a beaver felled a tree that collapsed onto a car in P.E.I. on Saturday, after it gnawed away at the tree's trunk.

While the Quebec couple and their two infant children were not injured, their car sustained significant damage and requires repairs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cows kill woman

German woman killed in Austria by cow stampede

Police say a herd of cows attacked and killed a German woman hiking through their fenced-in pasture after apparently being riled by the sight of her leashed dog.

The 45-year-old victim was rushed by about 20 cows and could not be revived. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

‘We Experiment on Human Beings’: OkCupid

Love-finding formula. Matchmaking website co-founder says testing is how you figure out what works

Online matchmaking service OkCupid said on Monday it messed with members’ minds a bit in a bid to refine its formula for finding love.

OkCupid co-founder Christian Rudder made a case for the practice in a blog post titled We Experiment on Human Beings, which came on the heels of criticism of Facebook for tinkering with posts to see how it influenced emotions of members of the leading social network.

“We noticed recently that people didn’t like it when Facebook ‘experimented’ with their news feed,” Rudder said.

“But guess what, everybody? If you use the Internet, you’re the subject of hundreds of experiments at any given time, on every site. That’s how websites work.”

Rudder described how OkCupid hid profile text to find out how important words were compared to people’s pictures. It also told some incompatible folks they were ideal matches to determine if the power of suggestion played into romantic equations.

OkCupid learned that words in profiles mattered little next to pictures and that telling people they were fine matches ramped up the tendency for them to agree.

“When we tell people they are a good match, they act as if they are — even when they should be wrong for each other,” Rudder said.

The matchmaking service also tested telling some seemingly perfect pairings they were lousy fits.

It turned out those people were inclined to defy the power of suggestion and grow enamoured of one another anyway, according to statistics posted at OkCupid.

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Then-Alberta premier Alison Redford meets with media following a March meeting of the provincial PC Party executive in Calgary. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Spending. RCMP should probe former premier’s flights: Opposition

Alberta’s Wildrose Opposition says there should be an RCMP investigation into former premier Alison Redford’s use of government aircraft.

Wildrose finance critic Rob Anderson says the public has an expectation that politicians that may have broken the law should be investigated.

A CBC News report says the provincial auditor general found that Redford’s staff blocked others from flying on government planes by booking seats in advance and then removing passenger names before printing the flight manifest.

Anderson says it appears the governing Progressive Conservatives were using the planes as “personal air limousines.”

Redford resigned as premier on March 23 amid caucus complaints about lavish spending. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Newfoundland

Soldiers rescue woman before truck explodes

A group of current and former military members who were on vacation in central Newfoundland put their rescue training to use as they pulled a bleeding woman from a burning truck.

Ryan Folkes and five other friends were driving between Grand Falls-Windsor and Badger on their way to go swimming Sunday when they saw smoke fuming out of the overturned vehicle.

Folkes, 26, said that as onlookers shouted for help, he and his friends administered first aid to the woman, removed her from the truck and brought her to safety just minutes before it burst into flames and exploded.

“We all took off like a shot of a gun towards the truck,” Folkes said Tuesday.

He said five of the six had served together in a tank unit and were trained in combat first aid and emergency extraction from vehicles. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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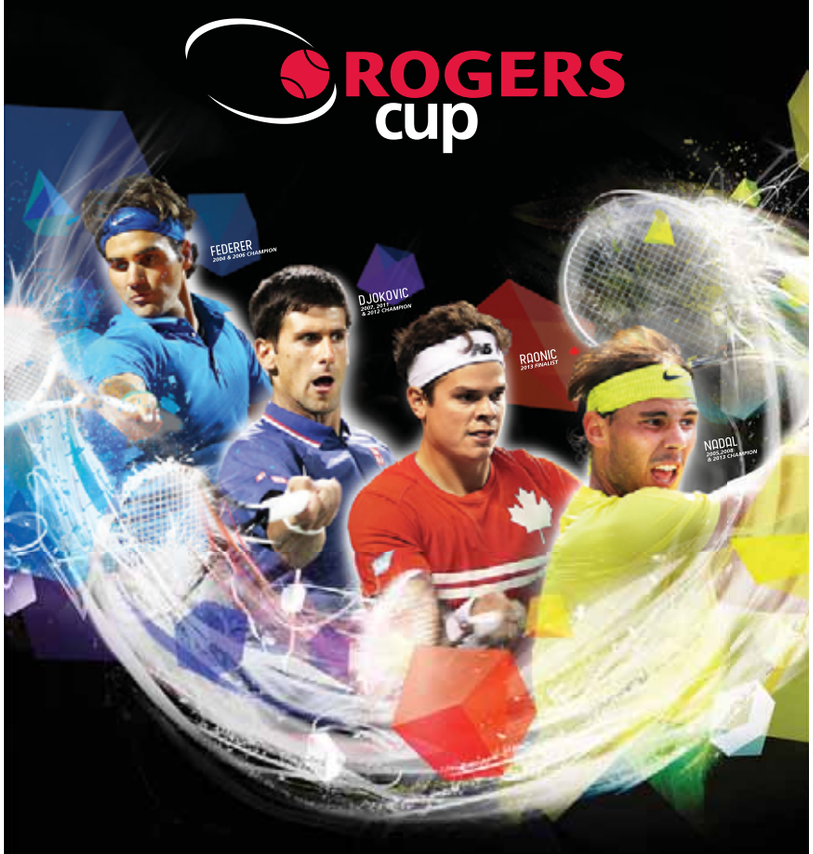

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Vancouver pharmacies are first to provide free HIV testing in Canada

Health care. New pilot project launched in an effort to make getting tested as easy as waiting in line for a prescription

MATT KIELTYKA
Metro in Vancouver

Vancouver is the first city in Canada where you can take a free HIV test at a pharmacy.

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) and Providence Health Care announced Tuesday that they're piloting the feasibility of local pharmacies offering HIV tests by introducing the test at two Vancouver Medicine Shoppe locations.

"A few years ago, evidence became really compelling that diagnosis at the earliest possible moment is beneficial to patients and their partner," said VCH medical health officer Dr. Reka Gustafson. "We began to greatly expand the availability of HIV testing in health-care settings and also outreach settings. It's had a tremendous impact."

Pharmacy manager Santosh Meher holds up a pamphlet at Vancouver's Medicine Shoppe. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

But the health-care system continued to see the infection spreading among young people — who rarely see a doctor or visit hospitals — at concerning rates. So in an effort to make the test as accessible and easy as possible, they decided to launch the pilot project.

"People may know what the healthy thing to do is, but don't always do it," said Gustafson. "Now they have the option of being tested while they wait for a prescription to be filled. We've made it easy for them."

The two Medicine Shoppe pharmacies have private areas where the test can be conducted. The free Rapid HIV test is a simple pinprick blood test that identifies antibodies produced by humans when the HIV virus is present.

The results are available within 60 seconds.

"It's a very good test at ruling out HIV," said Gustafson.

A positive result isn't a diagnosis and requires a follow-up blood test.

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Dustin Moskovitz is plotting an escape from email.

The 30-year-old entrepreneur has learned a lot about communication since he teamed up with his college roommate Mark Zuckerberg to create Facebook a decade ago, and that knowledge is fuelling an audacious attempt to change the way people connect at work, where the incessant drumbeat of email has become an annoyance.

Moskovitz is trying to turn that chronic headache into an afterthought with Asana, a San Francisco startup he runs with former Facebook and Google product manager Justin Rosenstein.

Asana peddles software that combines the elements of a communal notebook, social network, instant messaging application and online calendar to enable teams of employees to share information and do most of their jobs without relying on email.

"We are trying to make all the soul-sucking work that comes with email go away," Rosenstein says.

The misery keeps mounting in the corporate world, which remains an email haven. This year, each worker using a business email account will send and receive a daily average of 121 mail messages, a 15 per cent increase from 105 per day in 2011, according to The Radicati Group, which tracks email usage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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DOGS: THEY'RE JUST LIKE US

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Science is a wonderful thing.

It can determine the age of the universe (13.798 billion years, if you're counting from home).

Or it can find out if your dog gets jealous.

Seriously, a study released last week proves that Fido doesn't like it when you scratch behind some other dog's ears, even if the other dog is a stuffed animal.

Researchers at the University of California (it's not, like, Harvard) did an experiment with 36 dog owners and their dogs. First, owners were told to play with a little stuffed dog that barks and wags its tail (Tickle Me Fido?), followed by one of those Halloween jack-o'-lantern treat buckets, followed by reading aloud from a children's popup book.

As you might expect, the dogs were only moderately perturbed by the book and the jack-o'-lantern, although 42 per cent weren't sure about that jack-o'-lantern. But they went all canine when their humans started messing with another dog. In fact, 78 per cent tried to push the toy dog away, and one in four actually snapped at it.

As interesting as this is, dog owners don't need science to tell them their dogs get jealous.

Before the kids came along, we had a dog named Mabel. People would ask, "Where did you come up with a dumb name like Mabel?" I replied that I should have called her Dinner, as that's the only name she'll answer to.

Mabel was not the most affectionate animal but she showed her true colours (black and tan and green all over) the day we brought the first baby home from the hospital. No nudging with her nose or snapping — she just walked into the nursery and deposited a load.

In case there was any doubt about her intentions, 18 months later, when we brought home the second baby, she did exactly the same thing — the only other incident of incontinence in her 17-year existence.

Then there was her body language. Whenever the kids were in the room, Mabel would deliberately turn her back and pointedly ignore them. They grew up traumatized.

Of course, faced with the data, the scientists are showing admirable restraint. "We can't really speak to the dogs' subjective experiences, of course, but it looks as though they were motivated to protect an important social relationship," said Christine Harris, the lead researcher.

Well, duh. Not to mention an important meal ticket. After all, there's more at stake here than a scratch behind the ears.

When you're a dog, you need your best friend more than he or she needs you. So the last thing you need is some other animal — or stupid jack-o'-lantern — competing for tasty snacks that are rightfully yours.

It's a dog's life. And there's no room for another one.

ZUT ALORS!

A rat runs next to a Maillol statue in the Tuileries Garden of the Louvre Museum in Paris, France, Tuesday. Rats have been on a rampage on the grass in broad daylight, defying death threats from sanitation workers.
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The Ratatouille effect? Bold rodents romp around Louvre

Rats are on a rampage in the elegant garden of the Louvre Museum, so bold they romp on the grass in broad daylight, defying threats from sanitation workers and scaring tourists.

The hot weather in Paris has brought many picnicking visitors, whose garbage is a feast for the rats. And they're getting help from animal lovers who dig up poison and give them water.

Maybe it's the Ratatouille effect, with the beloved French rat Remy from Disney's computer-animated film helping real-life rats win Parisian hearts. The vermin are finding a lifeline from "people who don't want us to kill animals," said Jean-Claude Ndzana Ekani, a museum employee.

Rodents have long made Paris their home. In 2000, mice were caught picnicking on pastries in the window of the luxury shop Fauchon. To the west, moles are an ever-present problem at the Palace of Versailles — which has its own mole-catcher.

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Terror on the Seine

"It's horrible, we're scared of being bitten.... They're really big. Sometimes they fight each other."

Audrey Hacherez, a gardener who weeds flower beds in the formal gardens, as quoted on the theguardian.com

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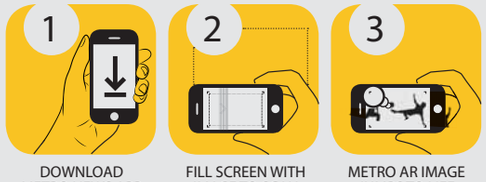

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Save Batkid, save ourselves

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In the Internet's biggest (pre-World Cup) workplace productivity drag, an awful lot of us spent a November day watching San Francisco get a Gotham-sized makeover in a Make A Wish tearjerker for five-year-old Miles Scott — better known as Batkid and now in remission from leukemia.

Filmmaker Dana Nachman is hoping to take a feature-length look at Miles' unforgettable morning and is crowdsourcing the funds to complete Batkid Begins, a documentary on how the whole stunt came together. To tease potential donors, Nachman brought a trailer to this year's Comic-Con, and boy is it sweet. (deadlinehollywood/YouTube)

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Raccoon rockets to stardom

Lovable masked rogues. Real-life or animated, raccoons are making out like bandits in the movie world

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The Guardians of the Galaxy, who made their first appearance in print in 1969, bear very little resemblance to the team of superheroes who will grace the big screen this weekend.

Conspicuous by his absence in the original book is Rocket Raccoon, the heroic character voiced by Bradley Cooper in the film. The feisty raccoon appeared years later, created by writer Bill Mantlo and illustrator Keith Giffen, who named the masked creature in tribute to the Beatles' tune Rocky Raccoon.

They confirmed the Beatle's influence in 1982 with a story that paraphrased John and Paul's lyrics for the title. Called Now Somewhere In the Black Holes of Sirius Major There Lived a Young Boy Named Rocket Raccoon, the book saw the Hulk and Rocket Raccoon stop a villain from stealing Gideon's Bible.

Rocket is the latest raccoon, but not the only, to become a mammalian movie star. Recently Liam Neeson starred in the animated movie The Nut Job, playing the imaginatively named Raccoon, the patriarch of a park, who might not have the best interests of the other animals top of mind.

Other animated raccoons have worked steadily. Meeko, the raccoon from Disney's Pocahontas and Pocahontas II: Journey to a New World cartoon also makes appearances in Mickey's Magical Christmas: Snowed in at the House of Mouse and in the Pocahontas video game. Then there's RJ from Over the Hedge, a lovable raccoon voiced by Bruce Willis. "The rascally charm Bruce Willis brought to Moonlighting makes RJ a lovable rogue, or at least a likable one," said director Karey Kirkpatrick.

Real-life raccoons are also getting work — in films like Rascal and The Details — but according to director Steve Carr they can present some problems. Tough guy actor Michael Rappaport voiced Joey, the consigliere raccoon, in Dr. Dolittle 2. The film featured more than 250 four-legged cast members, Carr says, "A huge percentage of our work was waiting for the animals to do what they're trained to do. And the patience that was needed well, it felt at times as if it were Herculean."

Guardians of the Galaxy superheroes include Rocket Raccoon voiced by Bradley Cooper. CONTRIBUTED

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Zoe comes out swinging

Guardians of the Galaxy might mark Zoe Saldana's first Marvel movie, but she's no stranger to stunt work. When it came time to get fighting, the Star Trek and Avatar star had plenty of past experience to call upon. "There's muscle memory of the things I've done the past seven or eight years. I was able to kind of relax with my body and work with the stunt co-ordinators, but not excessively like I've done on other films," she says.

"Chris [Pratt] was like, 'I know you're very stunty, but just be yourself.' Around the third take he's like, 'Take it easy, baby. There's your mark.'"

Pratt happily concurs: "She whacked me a few times. I can guarantee she can knock anybody out. She's got a very strong kick and she's not afraid to use it."

But she is concerned with exactly how she uses it, especially when bringing Gamora, an alien bred to be an assassin, to life. "I didn't want Gamora to look like any typical action person that's martial artsy, that just does those Underworld jumps and lands on the ground and it breaks. I wanted her to be a little more graceful and classy in the way she fights," Saldana explains. "She has to be seductive to trick her enemy into falling into their own death."

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Kevin Smith wonders what happened to bromance

Kevin Smith used to be able to count on Ben Affleck for anything — even a cameo in Clerks 2. But not anymore. "We're not f—ing tight. I have not been (close with him) in decades. That's old Ben. He's got a wife that don't care for me at all," Smith told Yahoo Movies, referring to Jennifer Garner. "And plus, honestly, he probably don't care for me at all anymore. He's a triple-A-list movie star and s— like that. If he's Jimmy Carter, I'm Billy Carter, to put it in '70s terms. And I'm not even related and s—."

That may sound rough, but Smith's rep was quick to clarify it was all "simply a joke and taken completely out of context."

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Chris Pratt: The incredible growing-shrinking machine

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Chris Pratt's waistline has been having quite the adventure. As the actor has been more than happy to discuss, he's packed on and peeled off plenty of pounds for his various roles, getting into impressive shape to play a Navy SEAL in Zero Dark Thirty (230 lbs.) then flabbing out to play a heavyset lawyer in the Delivery Man (295 lbs.), then getting buff again for Guardians of the Galaxy (225 lbs.).

Mention that some of the body image issues projected on women by Hollywood might be crossing the gender divide, and he sounds almost proud. "Are you saying that I might be responsible for giving men body issues? That's the nicest thing anyone has ever said to me," he jokes.

But seriously, folks: "I'm sure I can't relate to what females go through in Hollywood. I do know what it feels like to eat emotionally, to be sad and make yourself happy with food, and then be almost immediately sad and ashamed to try to hide those feelings with more food. It's a vicious cycle and a very real thing," he says.

Freddie's fed up: He's got 24 problems and Kiefer is one

Freddie Prinze Jr.

If you're wondering where Freddie Prinze Jr. has been for the last few years, it's sitting at home and seething about Kiefer Sutherland. The She's All That star opened up to ABC News about how working on Sutherland's 24 almost drove him into early retirement.

"Kiefer was the most unprofessional dude in the world. That's not me talking trash, I'd say it to his face, I think everyone that's worked with him has said that," Prinze says. "I just wanted to quit the business after that. So, I just sort of stopped. I went and worked for Vince McMahon at (professional wrestling organization) WWE, for Christ's sake. And it was a crazier job than working with Kiefer. But at least he was cool and tall. I didn't have to take my shoes off to do scenes with him, which they made me do. Just put the guy on an apple box or don't hire me next time. You know I'm 6 feet and he's 5-foot-4."

Prinze also says Sutherland would regularly show up to work drunk and sit in his trailer for hours, keeping everyone waiting. Sutherland's rep fired back: "Kiefer worked with Freddie Prinze, Jr. more than five years ago, and this is the first he has heard of Freddie's grievances. Kiefer enjoyed working with Freddie and wishes him the best."

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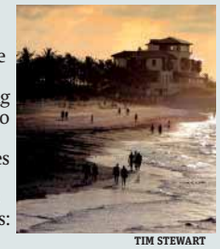

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Waxing up their surfboards

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Anniversary

A century of shredding

The 2014 Vans U.S. Open of Surfing will take part in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Huntington Beach, and nostalgia-themed celebrations to remember surfing's roots are planned throughout the week. For more information on events visit 100yearsofsurfinghb.com. **AFP**

By the numbers

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Central America's best-kept secret

El Salvador. Passed over in favour of more popular destinations like Costa Rica, this tiny nation has plenty to offer visitors

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It was a cold night in December when my pal and I popped open a bottle of wine and started planning our two-week surf trip down Central America's Pacific coast.

Stops in Costa Rica and Nicaragua were musts, as the countries boast some of the best surf scenes in that corner of the globe. But another country had grabbed our attention: El Salvador.

Everything we read talked of the unspoiled beaches, the nascent tourism industry that made your dollar stretch, and the excellent surf. It might have been our curiosity. It might have been the wine. But within the hour we had booked a flight to the capital San Salvador and exchanged a high five.

"You did what?" was my mother's response to the news. "Isn't there a war going on there?"

"Not since the early '90s, mom," I said.

Twenty years on, El Salvador is still trying to shake the violent reputation it gained from that long, brutish civil war that stretched over a decade and saw children recruited as soldiers and civilians terrorized by massacres.

It's been a long recovery but the nation that has emerged is on the path towards healing and excited by the prospect of sharing its treasures with visitors.

Any trepidation we felt as we flew towards San Salvador in March dissipated when we walked out of the airport to meet a clean-cut surfer named Jaime holding a placard with our names scrawled on it.

We'd arranged the ride through Papayas, a hostel we booked in a small surf town called El Tunco, about a 45-minute drive from the San Salvador airport.

Following a stilted conversation of broken English and Spanish, he piled our backpacks into his Nissan truck and we hit the highway.

We spent three days in this little town taking surf lessons, gorging on fresh fruit and fried Salvadoran fare and partying late into

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El Salvador's beaches are beautiful and void of the crowds you'll see in more popular spots like Costa Rica. LIZ BROWN/METRO

the night. While we spent two weeks in Central America, we both agreed those first three days were the highlight of our trip.

Here's why you should plan your own Salvadoran adventure.

The cost

We nabbed a room with an ensuite bathroom at Papayas Surf Lodge, three minutes from the beach, for $22 a night. The beds were clean and comfortable and the lodge had a small pool and kitchen for those who wanted to cook. There are a handful of restaurants to choose from in town (the town consists of two main dirt roads where all of the eateries, shops and bars are clustered). The cost of dinner ranged from $1 for three pupusas (fried tortilla with cheese, meat and beans) from a street vendor to about $6 for North American fare from a patio restaurant on the beach. The meals washed down easily with $1.50 beers. Surf lessons are $10 an hour. Just take the main road to the beach where buff surfer boys hang out hounding you to hire them.

The empty beaches

The three days we spent in El Tunco were midweek, so we missed the weekend rush when the locals from San Salvador come out to play. That said, it was still high season in Central America (March) and at times we were the only surfers at the beach. There are some breaks further away from El Tunco for more skilled surfers, but the beach near Papayas offers a consistent mid-size wave that's perfect for learning with the added bonus you don't have to worry about running a kid over with your board (a very real risk at some of the more popular spots in Costa Rica). This isn't a white sand Caribbean beach — it's pebbly and dark with volcanic rock — but the waves are good and the sun shines.

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The atmosphere

Days in El Tunco are quiet and slow. At high tide, in the early morning light, local and foreign surfers alike hike down the dirt road to catch the waves. Afternoons are spent in siesta, out of the scorching heat. As the sun begins to set, the locals gather near the big rock that juts out of the ocean for beach soccer. A half-hour drive into the hills reveals verdant countryside, winding rivers and grottos with waterfalls. We asked our surf instructor Eduardo if he'd ever been travelling. He grinned and said "Why would I leave heaven?" We tend to agree.

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Surfing and storm-watching are plenty romantic enough, but catching sight of a whale in Tofino is really the ticket. This popular whale-watching region on the west coast of Vancouver Island at the south edge of Clayoquot Sound is worth the trek. Dropping by next time you're on the West Coast could be one of the most romantic decisions you'll ever make. The entertainment is free provided courtesy of the annual grey whale migration from March to October, as 20,000 whales make a 20,000-kilometre round trip from Mexico's Baja Peninsula.Visit tourismtofino.com. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

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Take a Scottish Outlander tour

Hardcore fans of Diana Gabaldon's epic fantasy romance series, Outlander, are seriously being spoiled this year.

Following the hotly anticipated TV series of the same name (premiering Aug. 24 on Showcase, just in case you've been living under a set of Standing Stones), Outlander enthusiasts can now travel to Scotland and completely immerse themselves in the world of time-travelling lovers Jamie Fraser and Claire Beauchamp Randall by way of a specially designed, seven-day Outlander tour.

Fans can immerse themselves in the lives of the Outlander characters on a new tour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beginning in Edinburgh, fans will be taken on their own Scottish adventure, visiting some of the key locations used in filming the series and sites that inspired Gabaldon while writing the books.

Highlights of the tour include exploring the cobblestone streets of the Royal Mile and Edinburgh's Old Town, a visit to Doune Castle (Castle Leoch in the novel) and a trip to Loch Ness. There are also tours of Glencoe and Fort William.

Of course, it wouldn't be an official Outlander tour without sampling some of what the Scottish like to call The Water of Life (also Jamie's favourite drink) with a visit to a whisky distillery.

Tours are limited to a maximum of 16 people, so no doubt tickets will sell fast (double rates start at $1,005). The first trip is scheduled for Oct. 31, but six trips have just been added for 2015 (May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 12; booking for next year begins in early October). For further information, head over to the website: rabbies.com

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Air travel

A peek at the perks of flying first class

ON THE MOVE
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The front of the plane; where beds lie flat, jackets hang neatly, cookies come warmed and drinks flow freely. But what are the secret perks? With the assistance of Cheapflights.ca, I got the scoop on what are inside those coveted amenity bags.

Air Canada

Inside this navy coloured kit are soft cotton socks, a pair of grey ear plugs, a light grey eye shade that's soft to the touch, a toothbrush with a five-gram tube of Colgate toothpaste and a Mentos mint. The skin care products include bergamot body lotion, a refreshing cleansing cloth and a lime-peppermint lip balm. It's best for no-nonsense travellers who are rich enough to fly Business Class but don't want bling cluttering up their cabinets.

British Airways

The first class men's kit offers a foldable comb/brush, razor, toothbrush and toothpaste, a pen, shave gel, moisturizer, eye gel, lip balm and deodorant. The women's kit includes a foldable comb with a mirror, cotton pads, a pen, toothbrush and toothpaste. There's also renewing rose cleanser and triple rose renewing moisturizer, firming eye serum, orange flower hand lotion, a lip balm and a deodorant stick.

Delta

Made by Tumi, this travel kit is a small, woven-effect black purse containing a multitude of goodies. The branding is no-nonsense, black and sleek; the eye mask and cosy socks are wrapped in red card saying "sleep," the hand wipe is labelled "clean" and the ear plugs "quiet." Also included is shoe polish, a shoe horn, comb, tissue, pen and 50 grams of Crest and dental floss (a first). By far the most generous of all the kits collected by Cheapflights.ca, travellers looking for quality and quantity will love this kit.

Etihad

Etihad's limited-edition kits were created and produced by Sougha, a social enterprise initiative that's preserving the Emirati heritage and promoting local artisans. The patterns of the kits evoke the romance of Bedouin tents. The diamond-level kit includes soft brown socks and an eye mask that's as soft as suede, as well as roll-on pulse point oil, pillow mist, a toothbrush and toothpaste, cotton buds, pads and emery board, lip balm, hand balm and facial moisturizer by Le Labo.

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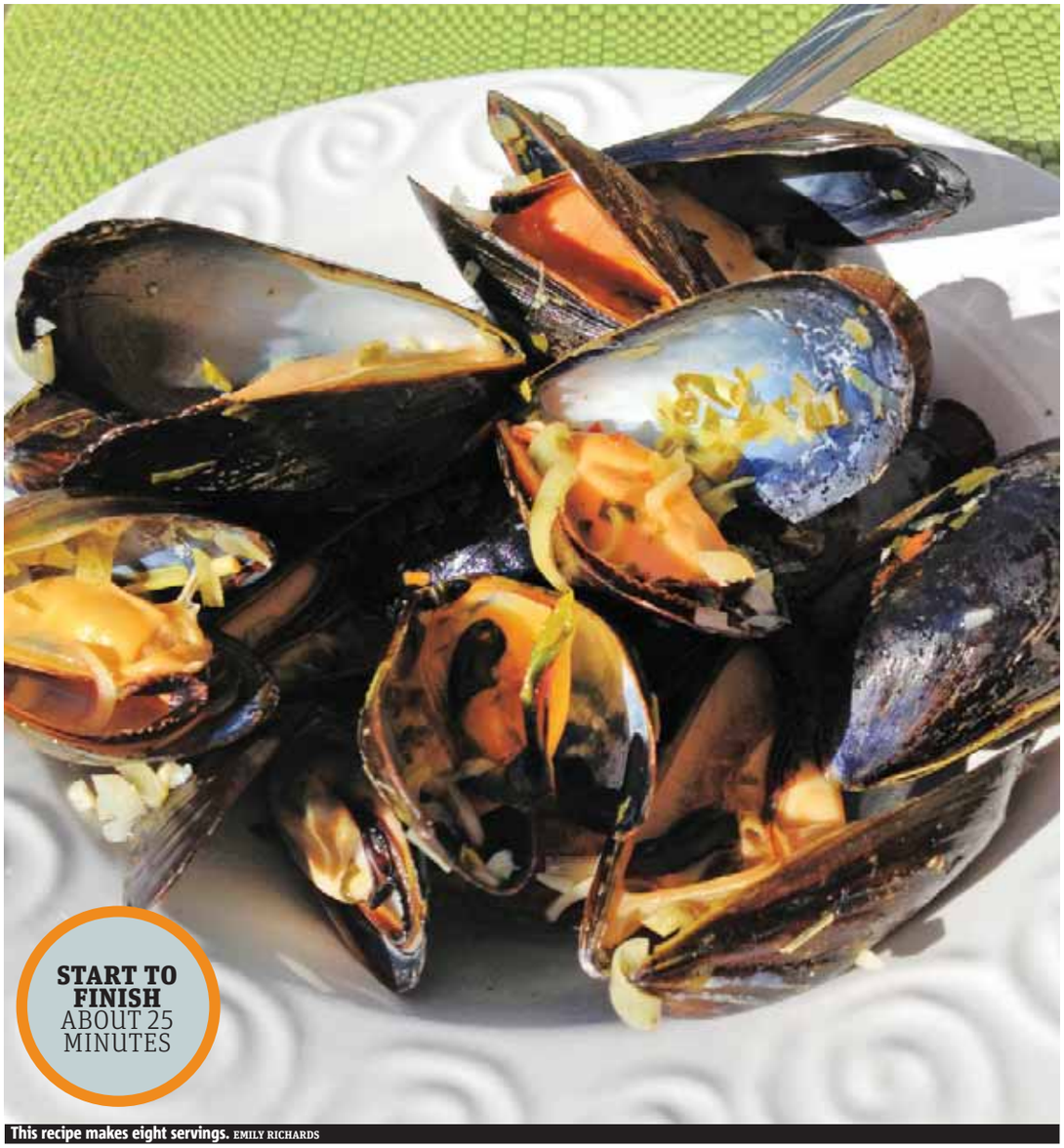

This recipe makes eight servings. EMILY RICHARDS

Steamed Lemongrass Mussels. To cool or not to cool? The choice is yours with this refreshing dinner option

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Fragrant lemongrass fills the air with a citrus aroma while the mussels steam to produce a flavourful juice.

The juicy mussels are loaded with flavours that entice you into the rest of your Thai experience. This dish is great served hot or cold.

1. Trim top and end of lemongrass. Remove outer layers. Using back of knife gently bruise stalks. Cut in half lengthwise, then crosswise into thin slices.

2. In Dutch oven or large saucepan, heat the canola oil over medium heat. Add the lemongrass, garlic and pepper; cook stirring for 1 minute or until fragrant. Add the wine, water, fish sauce, lime rind and juice and half of the coriander.

3. Bring everything to a boil; add the mussels. Cover and cook, stirring once, for about 5 minutes or until all mussels are open. Discard any mussels that do not open. Pour onto large platter; sprinkle with remaining coriander.

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- 2 stalks lemongrass
- 2 tsp (20 ml) canola oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Thai bird chili pepper, sliced (or 1/4 tsp/1 ml hot pepper flakes)
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) white wine or sodium-reduced vegetable broth
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) water
- 2 tsp (10 ml) fish or sodium-reduced soy sauce
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) grated lime rind
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) fresh lime juice
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped fresh coriander
- 2 pkgs (907 g each) mussels, bearded and rinsed

Chill out!

Chilled Option: Cook as above. Transfer mussels to bowl. Boil liquid for about 5 minutes or until reduced by half. Remove mussels from shells and add to reduced liquid. Reserve half of each shell. Cover and refrigerate mussels and shells for at least one hour or up to 24 hours. Arrange shells on lettuce-lined platter; fill each with mussel and drizzle remaining liquid over top; sprinkle with remaining coriander.

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Hashtag hired. Find Insta-nt success in the social media job sphere with these key skills

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In this day and age, who wouldn't dream of working in the popular field of social media?

Job opportunities in social media have started to grow in popularity among the millennial generation — and many organizations have a high demand for professionals in this area.

There are a number of skills that can make you an asset in this field, and many of them require just a little investment of time and energy outside the classroom.

The number of major social media platforms is rapidly growing. How many are you a part of? ISTOCK

Strong writing skills

While social media professionals often tackle a number of small writing tasks (think: 140 characters) instead of large ones, you'll still need excellent writing skills to get ahead in this field.

In addition to being a grammar wizard, you'll also need to communicate effectively using the written word.

This is a key skill for any career, but when you're the person behind a brand's online presence, it is absolutely mandatory that you be able to write effective and engaging content.

Customer service skills

You might not think to connect your experience in customer service with a job opportunity that involves social media.

However, careers in social media involve dealing with the public all the time.

While you may be connecting with people from the other side of a screen, knowing how to deal with different customer inquiries and complaints is vital to your continued success.

Dedication & passion

Working in social media is not a nine-to-five job.

You will often have to work around the clock and on weekends. The online community never sleeps, and neither do your fans and customers.

This is particularly true if you work for a business that is open seven days a week.

There's good news. If you're dedicated and passionate about social media and community management, it won't feel like work to be constantly tuned into your social media channels; it should be second nature.

Willingness to learn

Social media is rapidly changing.

Since you've started reading this article, it's probably already changed in some way, shape or form, or a new trend has appeared. If you plan on pursuing a career in social media, you'll have to be ready to keep up.

If you're looking for a career where your learning stops the minute you graduate school, social media isn't for you.

You can't be an expert in social media without staying up-to-date — and you have to be willing to accept that.

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Personality

You have to have personality in order to be a social media professional. Why?

- To represent the brands and organizations you're working for, you're going to have to channel several different personalities.
- Sometimes you may need to be casual, and at other times you may need to be corporate. A social media professional one must be able to assume any sort of personality, voice and tone thrown their way.
- A big part of getting started in social media is balancing learning and experience. While there's no substitute for hands-on work, it's important to plan your career with the major skills you'll need in mind.

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The seamless program enables individuals to train as apprentices, completing all in-school learning outcomes and significant on-the-job training while concurrently obtaining a post-secondary diploma. "Students complete a year-long, paid work experience in which they develop in-depth tool making skills while accumulating up to 2,000 hours toward their apprenticeship," explains Alan Reid, associate dean of Sheridan's Skills Training Centre where the program is based. "As an employer consortium sponsors all participants, the program is available even to students who lack a sponsor, eliminating one of the biggest obstacles to apprenticeship training."

We're building the foundational expertise that companies need to manufacture their products or make production happen

While the manufacturing sector has experienced its fair share of challenges over the past five years, the KPMG report, based on a survey of 139 senior Canadian manufacturing executives showed that 74% are optimistic or very optimistic about their future. The same report identifies a strong concern among Canadian manufacturers of a lack of qualified people to meet their projected demand at a time when companies are looking to hire more workers.

"Without tool making, there is no manufacturing," notes Reid. "Every time you change the shape of any product that is mass produced, a new tool is required. This is the talent we're cultivating at Sheridan. We're building the foundational expertise that companies need to manufacture their products or make production happen, whether they operate in the pharmaceutical, automotive, electrical components, medical, food, or aerospace industry. Our biggest challenge with this program at Sheridan is that we have five times the job offers as we do graduates to fill them."

Learn more by attending an open-house information session on Tuesday, August 5 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Skills Training Centre, 407 Iroquois Shore Road in Oakville, or by calling 905-845-9430 ext. 8059. Website: toolmaking.sheridancollege.ca.

SPORTS 4

Raonic heads home 'angry'

Tennis. With Rogers Cup ahead on sked, Thornhill native still rues Wimbledon loss

Milos Raonic has had nearly a month to digest his Wimbledon semifinal loss to Roger Federer, but the sting still lingers.

"I'm still pretty angry about it," Raonic said of the straight-sets loss to the Swiss star.

It was the first Grand Slam semifinal for the hard-serving player from Thornhill who reached a career-high sixth in the world rankings. Now ranked seventh, he says the disappointment of not advancing to the final at the All-England Club has left him with extra incentive heading into the hard-court season.

"Out of all the ranking climbs that I've made over the past three years that have been significant to me, it's probably the one that I enjoyed the least because I felt that I could have done much better in that situation," said Raonic, who returns to the court this week at the Citi Open.

Raonic arrived in Washington last Friday — five days ahead of his opening match — rested and rejuvenated but with the July 4 loss to Federer still fresh in his mind. The Canadian is seeded second, behind only fifth-ranked Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic.

"It's been a lot of frustration, anger and disappointment, specifically to that semifinal, and it's actually sort of transformed into a lot of energy to do better, to work harder and now it's got me really excited," said Raonic.

"It makes me want to play that much more badly and get through these next tournaments."

The Citi Open is the first of three straight hard-court events for Raonic, who returns home to Toronto next week for the Rogers Cup before playing in the Western & Southern Open in Cincinnati the week after.

That Raonic is heading into the hard-court season with extra motivation and a new-found confidence is a potentially scary thought for the rest of ATP Tour.

"I have more belief in what I can do and the kind of damage that I can make," said Raonic, who has won 82 per cent of his first-serve points this year, second-most on tour, and is third with 567 aces in 34 matches. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Serving sizzle

"I can make guys feel uncomfortable whether they're ranked No.1 in the world or No. 50."

Milos Raonic on being able to dominate with his serve on hard courts, like the one at the Rogers Cup starting this weekend at York University

Milos Raonic says his Wimbledon semifinal loss to Roger Federer has given him motivation to work harder going into hard-court season. CLIVE BRUNSKILL/GETTY IMAGES

MLS refs not ready for prime time: TFC coach

Toronto manager Ryan Nelsen argues a call on Saturday night in Kansas City. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ryan Nelsen said Toronto FC has moved on from its 2-1 loss to Sporting KC over the weekend, but the state of officiating in Major League Soccer still seems to be weighing on the head coach's mind.

On the eve of Toronto's road game against D.C. United, Nelsen was still quite vocal on perceived officiating mistakes in the game against Sporting.

Particularly irksome to the coach was an incident in the 23rd minute where Toronto striker Gilberto was taken down from behind by defender Aurelien Collin.

Nelsen believes the lack of infrastructure within the game of soccer in North America is part of the reason there are discrepancies in officiating between the MLS and leagues overseas.

"Overseas, (officials) get experience in the lower leagues, they grow up and they get a feel for the game," he said. "(In North America), they're learning the game as they're officiating at the top level."

Toronto (7-6-5) hopes for a better result Wednesday at D.C. (10-5-4), when it begins a stretch of four-straight away. TFC has gone 2-2-4 on the road, failing to pick up points just twice.

"I think teams open up a bit more when they're at home trying to be a bit more expansive," said Nelsen. "The way we're set up, we're pretty tight and pretty organized and then we can catch them in certain areas when they over play or they go with numbers forward."

D.C. sits in second place in the Eastern Conference with 34 points, while TFC sits third with 26. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Gold medals pour in for Canada in Glasgow

Seven on Tuesday. Damian Warner from London Ont., grabs gold in the decathlon

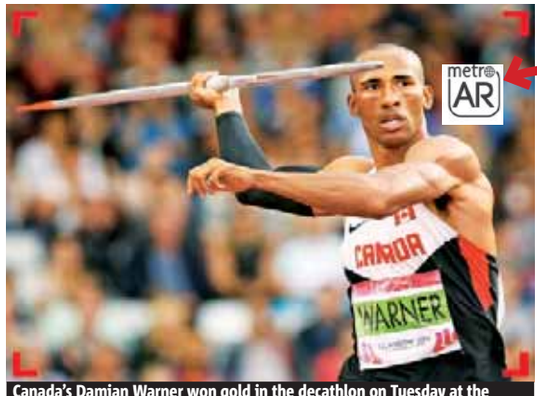
Canada's Damian Warner has won gold in the decathlon at the Commonwealth Games.

The 24-year-old from London, Ont., recorded a score of 8,282 for the victory that comes a year after he won bronze at the world championships.

It was Warner's first decathlon of the season. He was sidelined earlier in the year with a leg injury.

Hammer-thrower James Steacy of Lethbridge, Alta., also won gold Tuesday with a toss of 74.16 metres.

In the pool, Ryan Cochrane put in a dominating performance in the final of the men's 1,500-metre freestyle for his second gold medal in Scotland.



Canada's Damian Warner won gold in the decathlon on Tuesday at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland. CAMERON SPENCER/GETTY IMAGES

In women's wrestling, Erica Wiebe of Stittsville, Ont., won gold in the 75-kilogram division. Korey Jarvis of Elliot Lake, Ont., won gold in the men's wrestling 125-kilo division. Jasmine Mian of Barrie, Ont., added bronze in the 48-kilo category.

Meanwhile, weightlifter Marie-Eve Beauchemin-Nadeau of Montreal won gold in the 75-kilo category. Jim Paton of White Rock, B.C., won silver in the fullbore individual shooting event.

Canada's Catharine Pendrel captured gold in the women's mountain bike, crushing the field to cross in one hour 39 minutes 29 seconds, a minute and 10 seconds ahead of silver medallist Emily Batty of Brooklin, Ont.

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NFL

Bills' sale is on, Toronto may land possible move

A bidding war which could see an NFL franchise land in Toronto kicked into high gear Tuesday.

Investors looking to buy the Buffalo Bills had until 5 p.m. to submit initial, non-binding bids to investment banking firm Morgan Stanley and law firm Proskauer Rose, which are handling the sale of the team for the estate of former owner Ralph Wilson, who died in March.

Among the bidders expected to drive the price of the Bills over the $1 billion (U.S.) mark is a group featuring Larry Tanenbaum, chairman of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment, Edward Rogers, deputy chairman of Rogers Communications and rocker Jon Bon Jovi. Through spokespeople, Tanenbaum, Rogers and Bon Jovi all declined to comment.

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NHL

Leafs to re-sign Jake Gardiner

The Maple Leafs have gone all-in on Jake Gardiner, giving the defenceman a five-year contract, according to Sportsnet.

Gardiner is the last of the Leafs' restricted free agents to sign a deal.

According to Sportsnet, the deal is worth $20.25 million for a cap hit of $4.05 million. The deal makes the smooth-skating Gardiner the team's second-highest-paid defenceman, behind captain Dion Phaneuf ($7 million salary cap).

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Jake Gardiner. GETTY IMAGES

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2014 Kia Forte Koup

- **Type:** Two-door, front-wheel-drive compact coupe
- **Engines:** 2.0-litre four-cylinder (173 hp), 1.6-litre turbo four (201 hp)
- **Transmission.** Six-speed manual, six-speed automatic
- **Base price.** $22,480, including destination

Market position

For folks seeking a sporty looking car that is also fun to drive, practical, and relatively cheap to buy and operate. Prime demographic is young people and empty nesters, who don't need four doors and a big back seat. Design officer Peter Schreyer is pushing Kia design toward a European look and feel.

Points

- Shares underpinnings with its corporate cousin, the Hyundai Elantra.
- This is the second generation for Koup, and the first to get a turbo-charged engine option.
- Looks the sportiest of the Forte clan, but the five-door also gets the extra sporty stuff, like turbo engine offering and suspension tweaks.

The sleek roofline compromises rear visibility and trunk access.

Safety features

Six airbags, obstacle-detecting power windows, child-seat tethers, rear parking camera, automatic headlights, side-view mirror signal repeaters, four-wheel disc brakes with ABS, electronic stability control, vehicle stability management, hill assist control, auto dimming rear mirror.

Sporty Koup lacks edginess

Review. Two-door version of Kia's Forte gets more of everything over sedan

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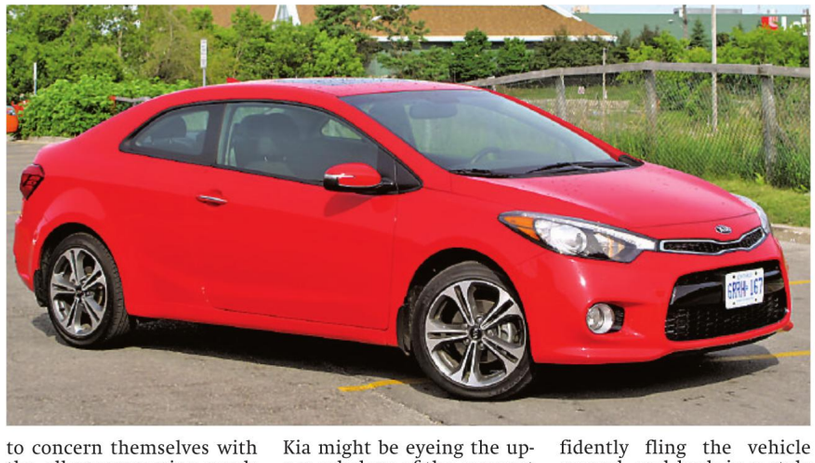

With the arrival of the all-new Kia Forte sedan, it was just a matter of time before the five-door hatchbacks and two-door coupes showed up.

As it did with the previous generation of Fortes, Kia decided to give the two-door model its own name: the Koup. And the company has honestly tried to make the Koup its own vehicle.

The 2014 Koup only shares its hood and front fenders with its siblings, and flaunts more of everything compared to its predecessor — more power, more style, a longer and wider stance, and just a wee bit more rear-seat legroom.

The coupe format prioritizes the driver's needs for style and at-the-wheel fun. It's perfect for young people who have yet to experience the misery (or joy) of having to concern themselves with the all-encompassing needs of offspring.

New engines include a 2.0-litre direct-injection four cylinder, which grunts out 173 horsepower, the equal amount of the previous 2.4-litre engine, and a 201-hp, 1.6-litre turbo, which debuted earlier as the upgraded engine for the Veloster — the other compact sporty coupe in the Hyundai-Kia arsenal.

That turbo, only available on the Koup's up-level SX trim, seems to suggest Kia might be eyeing the upper echelons of the compact sports coupe wars, where the Honda Civic Si and Golf GTi screech their tires.

Even with the new engine, however, the Koup is not really positioned to prosper in that subcategory, which appeals more to outright gearheads. The Koup doesn't have the steering feel and overall edginess of those two.

But we're sure Kia was aiming for a different experience, anyway, one where the driver can confidently fling the vehicle around, and bask in a style and interior experience that belies its price class.

This personal-luxury feel is created by a very quiet cabin, built with high-grade materials and rendered in a modern style.

The sleek roofline means compromises to rear visibility and the size of the trunk access. But the trunk is fairly large, and the rear seats fold forward. It was easy to slide my bicycle into the back.

Friends may have trouble getting into the rear seats, but, overall, the Koup is a very upbeat vehicle that you and your friends will enjoy.

Compare

1 Honda Civic Coupe
Base price: $20,523
Si version is class of the compact sports coupe field.

2 Volkswagen Golf
Base price:$20,605
All-new for 2015. As always, adept at handling and interior packaging.

3 Hyundai Veloster
Base price: $21,544
Unique style not for everyone. Third door aids access.

What test car is Garry bringing us this week? We literally have no clue what he's bringing us until it lands in our driveway, but who are we to doubt Garry Sowerby, who has a bazillion Guinness records for around-the-world driving? That's a bazillion more than we have, after all. Come along and find out as we drive 'em, dirty 'em and shoot 'em with our phone cams. These are real-life, no-glam reviews.

.JEFF MELNYCHUK
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Looks like a deal at $50,000, but is a Hyundai really worth it?

Special delivery. New Genesis is attractive, very well-equipped, powerful and drives great, despite the relatively low price

The 2015 Hyundai Genesis looks like a luxury car, starting with its long, wide snout. JEFF MELNYCHUK

The sticking point is not whether Hyundai can sell cars costing $50,000 or more. It's whether the car in question is worth $50,000.

The new 2015 Genesis is therefore about perspective.

"Pretty nice, isn't it?" Garry says as he hops out and tosses me the key thing.

Pretty nice, indeed.

The thing that people have to come to grips with is that $50,000 is actually not an abnormally huge amount of money for a well-turned-out full-size (gigantic, in this case) luxury car.

A case in point is the $90,000 Audi A6 diesel we recently tested, which of course is smaller than the Genesis. The Lexus LS starts in the mid-$80,000 range. The Cadillac CTS Vsport (also smaller than the Hyundai) we recently tested was also pushing $80,000. The Acura RLX is closer, at $50,000.

So, a $53,000 Hyundai has to be a deal, right? Well, getting back to the original question, it has to do with whether you feel like you're getting 50-grand worth of car relative to whatever else is out there and the answer is easily yes.

The Genesis 3.8 Technology model I tested has the base 311-horsepower 3.8-litre V6, as well as the HTRAC all-wheel-drive system. The car is spilling over with modern crash-mitigating electronics and boasts a great 14-speaker Lexicon stereo that was set to some hip-hop station Garry likes. Please.

But what makes the Genesis worth the price is that it actually looks and feels like it's worth it — from the ride and drive quality to its side profile, long nose and satin-nickel trim pieces.

The Genesis gets its own stylized wing badge on the hood.

There is a V8 available, but the V6 is plenty powerful.

And the engine! OK, a V8 is available, but it's just not necessary. The 3.8 is plenty peppy, partially due to the eight-speed automatic transmission, while returning acceptable fuel performance.

With premium brands de-emphasizing engine size and power, it matters less that the 3.8 is shared with the lesser Genesis coupe or the Santa Fe. Honestly, no one should care.

The beauty is that there are actually two Genesis models below this particular model, starting at $43,000. Looks like the large-car deal of the decade, eh?

And if you're worried whether people will think you're a wannabe by driving a Hyundai and not a Mercedes or BMW, that's not really the case. Most people I talked to were over the moon with the Genesis's looks, which is, believe it or not, a huge deal at this level.

The luxury sedan is filled with modern electronics and technology, including a great 14-speaker Lexicon stereo system.

It helps that the car gets its own unique winged logo, so you can't really tell who makes it.

Failing that, if a Cadillac driver turns his nose up at you, remind him about the 1981 Cimmaron (Google it).

Hyundai did such a good job on this car that it calls into question the relevance of its more expensive Equus model, which starts at $65,000.

In fact, the company might do better to pay attention to the gap in the lineup between the smaller Sonata and the Genesis, which is more of a chasm, really.

But as far as the Genesis goes, it is "pretty nice." Garry, you are the master of understatement.

Bang for the buck

The 2015 Hyundai Genesis will give other luxury brands a run for the money.

- The Genesis starts at $43,000; our test vehicle was $53,000.
- The base model comes with a V6 3.8-litre engine and an eight-speed automatic transmission.

No stigma here

"Most people I talked to were over the moon with the Genesis' looks, which is, believe it or not, a huge deal at this level. It helps that the car gets its own unique winged logo."

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Driving Force. From race cars to family cars, there are several ways to improve performance

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Whether it's to make a sports car faster, or for better performance in an everyday car, auto manufacturers often increase the horsepower in their engines.

In some cases, engineers will even tweak a single engine design to get a lower- and higher-horsepower version out of it.

It's a process that involves several methods, employed alone or in combination.

"Horsepower is the measure of work an engine can do," says Chris Nowak, senior manager of product development for Chrysler's Mopar division. "With any amount of fuel into the engine, it's how much useful motion I can get out of the car."

Most cars run on gasoline, but they mix it with large volumes of air and then burn this volatile vapour to create power. It isn't enough to just pour in more gas.

"At some point, you will saturate the engine and it won't run properly," Nowak says. "You want to add more air."

One way to do this is to add a turbocharger or supercharger.

These devices attach to the engine and force air into it when more power is needed, such as when you press hard on the throttle. The engine's computers respond by increasing the flow of fuel, which in turn increases the power. When extra air goes in, it has to go out to make room for more, so engineers also improve how the engine "breathes."

A freer-flowing exhaust system will still muffle the sound and reduce pollutants, but it reduces back pressure on the engine. Engineers carefully balance the air going into the engine with the amount going out.

Another step is to calibrate the engine by programming its control module.

"The calibration tells the engine how to mix the air and fuel, how much, and at what r.p.m.," Nowak says. "You could tune the intake or the exhaust alone, and that would give you an increase in horsepower, but the calibration is where you maximize performance."

Mixing and matching

"The calibration tells the engine how to mix the air and fuel ... The calibration is where you maximize performance."

Chris Nowak, product development manager at Chysler's Mopar division

Need for speed

- "Horsepower" was coined by inventor James Watt. It's believed he measured a pony pulling up a 330-pound coal bucket 100 feet in one minute, which was one horsepower.
- Engines also have torque, a measurement of the twisting force that eventually turns the wheels. A car with high torque will accelerate faster than one with low torque.
- Auto companies "tune" the exhaust note to give performance cars a sportier sound.

Some performance kits include a cold-air intake, which draws cool fresh air into the engine, rather than the hot air in the engine compartment. Cold air is denser, so more oxygen is drawn in, which more effectively burns in the combustion chamber to power the engine.

Race-car drivers substantially increase horsepower by rebuilding their engines with speed-specific internal components, but this can be extremely expensive.

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Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

Exclusive eco-supercar makes buyers cough up the big bucks

Sales of Volkswagen's radical, limited-production XL1 hyper-mileage eco supercar — a carbon-fibre-bodied plug-in hybrid capable of turning one litre of gasoline into a driving range of 100 kilometres — has begun selling in Europe. With an asking price just shy of $170,000 US, it's no peoples' car, affordable for all. With just 200 copies set to be produced, the XL1 promises to be more exclusive than any Ferrari, Lamborghini or Bentley currently in production, albeit a much slower car. On the flip side of speed, no other production vehicle in the world can match its fuel economy, which has been recorded as high as 0.9 L/100 km. The hybrid uses a two-cylinder turbo-diesel for propulsion.

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The Volkswagen XL1 is capable of burning less than 1.0 L/100 km. It's on sale in Europe for $170,000 US.

Plug-in hybrids catch Mercedes' eye

Mercedes-Benz is expanding its plug-in hybrid options while working on a mid-cycle update for its M-Class tall wagon, reports auto news website, MotorAuthority. "And word on the street is that the update will see a plug-in hybrid model added to the lineup." It would join the flagship S-Class and entry-level C-Class in Mercedes' growing range of plug-in hybrids. An M-Class plug-in hybrid is expected to arrive in showrooms about the same times as the C-Class plug-in hybrid, likely in the fall of 2015. "So the M-Class plug-in hybrid's arrival may be timed to coincide with the arrival of the updated M-Class range." It would go toe-to-toe with plug-in hybrid SUVs from Audi (Q7), BMW (X5), Land Rover (Range Rover) and Volvo (XC90).

A mid-cycle update is coming for the Mercedes-Benz M-Class, but there might also be a plug-in hybrid model in the works.

Shift points

- Audi has confirmed it will build its smallest tall wagon yet, called the Q1. It will be able to run the A3 wagon's four-cylinder gasoline and diesel engines and offer front- or all-wheel drive. The Q1 is one of 11 new models designed to help Audi reach 2 million annual global sales by 2020.
- BMW is developing a new generation of wireless inductive charger technology that recharges batteries as fast as cables, "but requires no more effort than parking and pressing a button," reports emerging technology website, Gizmag.
- Ford has developed an aluminum-intensive "Lightweight Concept Car" based on its mid-size Fusion sedan that is 25 per cent lighter than the current Fusion production car, or about the same weight as its subcompact Fiesta, says industry data supplier, WardsAuto.

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Tesla Motors, a small California car company that several years ago was a fledgling start-up with an uncertain future, is today the most important car company in the world. So argues Morgan Stanley Research analyst Adam Jonas: "We are not joking," wrote Jonas in a report to investors. "Tesla is also emerging as an emblematic force in America's effort to foster high-tech manufacturing job growth." Suppliers that once shunned the electric-vehicle automaker are considering dedicated lines and facilities just for Tesla's growing business, says a report in the Los Angeles Times. Five states are offering incentive packages to land Tesla's proposed giant "gigafactory" battery plant, a project that could create 6,000 manufacturing and technical jobs.

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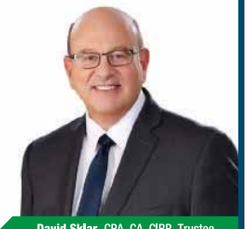
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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may feel you have gone as far as you can go with a project but don't give up on it yet. If you do you will most likely regret it next month when the omens are more favourable.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
There is a danger that you will overreact to criticism and say or do something that comes back to haunt you. At home and work, think before replying.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
One huge effort may get you past an obstacle, but will it have an adverse effect on your health? The planets urge you to take a more relaxed attitude to do what you have to do.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Do something about your cash flow situation but make sure it does not risk everything. Have you convinced yourself that things are worse than they are?

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
The Sun at odds with Neptune means your imagination is working overtime. You will be more creative than usual, but don't expect everyone else to go along with your plans.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
All you want is to be left alone for a while — is that too much to ask? Find a quiet place you can call your own and think about the meaning of life.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Everything that occurs in your life is part of a deeper plan, so don't try too hard to change things because it's unlikely to happen. Let fate take its course.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you approach a task in a negative frame of mind, you won't much enjoy it. But if you pretend you have been looking forward to it, how easy it is might surprise you.

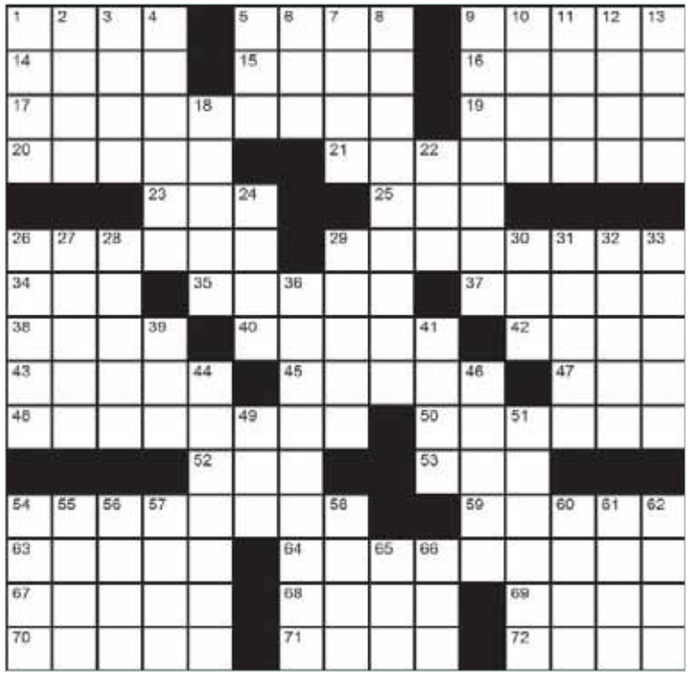
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Be open to alternative viewpoints. The world is changing faster than ever and those who don't try to keep up will get left behind quicker than they anticipated.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't come on too strong today or you could turn people against you and, in doing so, damage both your reputation and your earning power.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Because the Sun makes a difficult aspect to Neptune, planet of illusion, today make sure that your dreams have a solid basis in reality.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If a co-worker says something hurtful don't take it to heart. You should take it as a sign that you are on the right track. They obviously feel threatened. Keep doing what you're doing.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. __ and dry
5. Gladiator's 2900
9. Please = SVP = S'il vous __
14. Bryan Adams album: '__ the Fire'
15. Brad Pitt's ancient film
16. __-Barbera (Cartoons)
17. 1971 Mordecai Richler novel, __. __ Horseman
19. Playwright Mr. Chekhov
20. Pasta selection
21. Parliament Hill ceremony, __ of the Guard
23. Deplete
25. Fruity drink
26. Light __
29. Quebec City: __ Monastery National Historic Site of Canada
34. Owned
35. __ idea (Doesn't realize): 2 wds.
37. "__ __ Acapulco" (1963) starring Elvis
38. Patron saint of Norway
40. "...to __ own self be true..." - Shakespeare
42. Water-to-wine biblical site
43. "Romeo and Juliet" actor Milo
45. Video game name
47. Bird's 'bill' in Boucherville
48. Bling for footwear
50. Michael J. Fox's mouse-voice movie, "__ Little" (1999)
52. Bible boat
53. East: French
54. Canadian ice cream company
59. Space shadow
63. Varlet
64. __ Valley, Nova Scotia
67. Grant
68. Conked out
69. Brood
70. The __ MacNeils (Celtic band from Cape Breton)
71. Canadian War Museum current exhibition... Transformations - A.Y. Jackson & __ Dix
72. Uno + dos = __

Down
1. Bit of bangs
2. Poker stake
3. Stupefy
4. Nest pest
5. Kingston Trio lettered song
6. Hosp. picture
7. Regarding [abbr.]
8. The Knack hit: 2 wds.
9. Elisha Cuthbert's hockey player hubby Dion
10. French or English, e.g.
11. Against
12. Get __ __ the ground floor
13. Orange drink mix
18. Sandy spot
22. Promos
24. "What's __?!"
26. Gets bugs to go bye-bye
27. Brandon __ (Jason Priestley role)
28. Boise's state
29. Cohesiveness
30. Captain Jean-__ Picard
31. DWTS judge Carrie Ann
32. San Francisco footballer, colloquially
33. Legislate
36. Ian Ziering movie thriller
39. Cost
41. Gaelic
44. Town in southeastern Saskatchewan
46. "__ __ to you." (Your choice!)
49. Period
51. Greatest extent
54. Zodiac creature
55. "That's __ __ Heartache Begins" by Patsy Cline
56. Culture medium
57. Contented cat's call
58. Huffy-puffy mood
60. '90s British band
61. Irritate
62. Inquires
65. Meshwork
66. Commotiom

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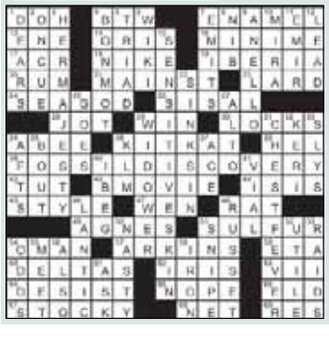

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		4		9	5	8	2	
		9						7
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	6	3	9	1		5		
5				4		1		
					8		9	

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	5	1	2	3	7	6	8	9
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5	8	7	3	2	1	4	9	6
9	6	2	7	8	4	5	3	1
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Offer(s) available on select new 2014 models through participating dealers to qualified retail customers who take delivery by July 31, 2014. Dealers may sell or lease for less. Some conditions apply. See dealer for complete details. Vehicles shown may include optional accessories and upgrades available at extra cost. All offers are subject to change without notice. All pricing includes delivery and destination fees up to $1,665, $5 OMVIC fee, $29 tire tax, other taxes, environmental fee, and $100 A/C charge (where applicable). Excludes licensing, registration, insurance, variable dealer administration fees (up to $399), fuel-fill charges up to $100, and down payment (if applicable and unless otherwise specified). Other lease and financing options also available. ≠**Representative finance example:** 0% financing offer for up to 84/48 months available O.A.C. to qualified retail customers, on approved credit for the new 2014 Forte EX MT (FO54SE)/2014 Rio LX MT (RO54E) with a selling price of $21,414/$14,314 and includes delivery and destination fees of $1,485, tire tax of $29, A/C charge ($100 when applicable) and a loan credit of $1,000/$1,200 (which is deducted from the negotiated price before taxes). 182/104 bi-weekly payments of $118/$138 for 84/48 months with $0 down payment. Credit fees of $0. Total obligation is $21,414/$14,314. See retailer for complete details. † Cash rebate amounts are offered on select 2014 and 2015 models and are deducted from the negotiated purchase price before taxes. Available on cash purchase only. Offer varies by trim. Certain conditions apply. [1]Loan rebate amounts are offered on select 2014 and 2015 models and are deducted from the negotiated purchase price before taxes. Available on financing offer only. Offer varies by trim. Certain conditions apply. Offer ends July 31, 2014. See your dealer for complete details. Effective financing rate for the Rio LX/Rio EX/Rio SX/Sorento LX/Sorento EX/Sorento SX is 2.66%/2.63%/2.87%/3.70%/3.70%/3.34%. The effective rates factor in the amount of any forgone cash purchase incentives as a cost of borrowing. See your retailer for complete details. ◻Feature not available on all configurations within each respective trim. Some features may be available at extra cost. See kia.ca or your dealer for complete details. △Model shown Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price for 2014 Forte SX (F0748E)/2015 Sorento EX V6 AWD (SR75HF)/2014 Rio4 SX with Navigation (R0749E) is $26,395/$34,495/$22,295. * Highway/city fuel consumption is based on the 2014 Rio LX+ ECO (A/T)/2014 Forte 1.8L MPI 4-cyl (M/T)/2015 Sorento LX 2.4L GDI 4-cyl (A/T). These updated estimates are based on the Government of Canada's approved criteria and testing methods. Refer to the *EnerGuide Fuel Consumption Guide*. Your actual fuel consumption will vary based on driving habits and other factors. °The Bluetooth® wordmark and logo are registered trademarks and are owned by Bluetooth SIG, Inc. [1]Sirius, XM and all related marks and logos are trademarks of Sirius XM Radio Inc. and its subsidiaries. ◻Infinity® is a trademark owned by Harman International Industries, Incorporated. Information in this advertisement is believed to be accurate at the time of printing. For more information on our 5-year warranty coverage, visit kia.ca or call us at 1-877-542-2886. Kia is a trademark of Kia Motors Corporation.